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perienched field student and collector. The book ought to be especially helpful to high school and college botany teachers who include some field work in their courses, as they should. And whereas, at present, the moss students in any one state can, on the average, be counted on the fingers of one hand, Mrs. Dunham's book is likely to increase them to hundreds.

The book does not pretend to take up the pigmy genera like *Archidium*, *Astomum*, *Bruchia*, *Ephemerum*, *Micromitrium*, *Phascum*, and *Sphaerangium*. It even omits *Ptychomitrium*, *Rhabdoweisia*, *Seligeria*, *Zygodon*, *Coscinodon*, *Dicranodontium*, and *Dicranoweisia*, genera represented by species in the geographic area treated; still, the stimulus from it should be felt in every state east of the Rocky Mountains.

The typography is clear and excellent. The illustrations scattered through the book are helpful to beginners. The accents for the frequently long technical names are given with great fidelity to classical principles. However, I wish here to correct two errors in accent. One is on page 156: *Catharinâa* needs to be accented on the penult, because this is long, being a diphthong. The other is on page 213: *Drepanôcladus* must get the accent on the antepenult, because the "a" of the penult is short in quantity, as given in the Greek lexicons, in *κλάδος*, a shoot or branch. On page 220, the varietal name *Mackayi* ought by rights also to be accented on the penult; but here usage has probably some claim to fix the accent on the antepenult.

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Mosses, in the Natural History of Madagascar

By Renault and Cardot

"Histoire physique, naturelle et politique de Madagascar, publiée par A. et G. Grandidier: Vol. xxxix. *Mousses*, par F. Renault et J. Cardot. I vol. gr. in 4to, de 560 pages et atlas de 187 planches. Prix: 467 fr. 50. Librairie Hachette et Cie., 79 boulevard St. Germain, Paris."

After the death of M. Renault, M. Cardot was forced to continue this great work alone, but fortunately it was finished a few weeks before the opening of the war. In consequence of the outbreak of the war, the printing of the work which was started near the close of 1913, has just been completed. The systematic portion is preceded by two chapters dealing with the topography, climate, geology and bryo-geography of Madagascar. The systematic portion itself includes the description of nearly 550 species, of which more than half are endemic. Each description is accompanied by the necessary synonymy, and by more or less extended critical notes. A rather large number of species are described for the first time, as well as one new genus upon the authority of M. Cardot alone, since it was only recognized after the death of his collaborator. In the 187 plates, 360 species are figured.

Only 150 copies are placed on sale, 100 of which are reserved solely for the subscribers to the complete work.

PARIS, MARCH 26, 1916.

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